Pollution caused by Private Units

409. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of the 27th February, 1989 under the caption "Pollution from private units to be checked";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make it compulsory for large scale private sector units in the country to obtain environmental clearance before starting the units; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Guidelines for siting of new industries have been framed and circulated to Ministries, State Governments and Pollution Control Boards. The guidelines provide that for twenty categories of polluting industries which have been identified, environmental clearance is necessary for conversion of letter of intent to industrial licence. These guidelines apply to private sector projects also. The guidelines provide that conversion of letter of intent to industrial licence is to be done only after the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(i) The State Director of Industries confirms that the site of the project has been approved from environmental angle by the competent State Authority.

(ii) The entrepreneur commits both to the State and Central Governments that he will instal appropriate equipment and implement the prescribed measures for prevention and control of pollution.

(iii) The concerned State Pollution Control Board has certified that the proposal meets with the environmental requirements and that the equipment installed or proposed to be installed are adequate and appropriate to the requirement.

At present, environmental clearance is accorded by the Ministry to thermal power, hydroelectric, ports and harbours, mining and industrial projects of central/public sector undertakings after a thorough environmental impact assessment and review. The requirement of approval from environmental angle by the competent State authority for large scale private sector units for issue of industrial lecence has been made mandatory from December, 1984 onwards. This stipulation is being followed since then. Towards this end, it will be necessary to build the capabilities for such detailed impact assessment techniques in the various State Governments/ State Pollution Control Boards and also ensure that financial institutions do look into these aspects at the time of extending credit for such projects.

Terrorist Killings in Punjab

410. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed by the terrorists in Punjab during the last two years. (quarterly figures) and up to the 31st March, 1989;

(b) whether any compensation has been paid by Government to the affected families; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government for solving the Punjab problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to the information furnished by the Government of Punjab, the number of persons killed by terrorists in Punjab during the last two years (quarter-wise) is as follow:—

April 1987 to June 1987	226
July 1987 to September 1987	317
October 1987 to December 1987	198
January 1988 to March 1988	549
April 1988 to June 1988	717
July 1988 to September 1988	348
October 1988 to December 1988	335
January 1989 to March 1989	286